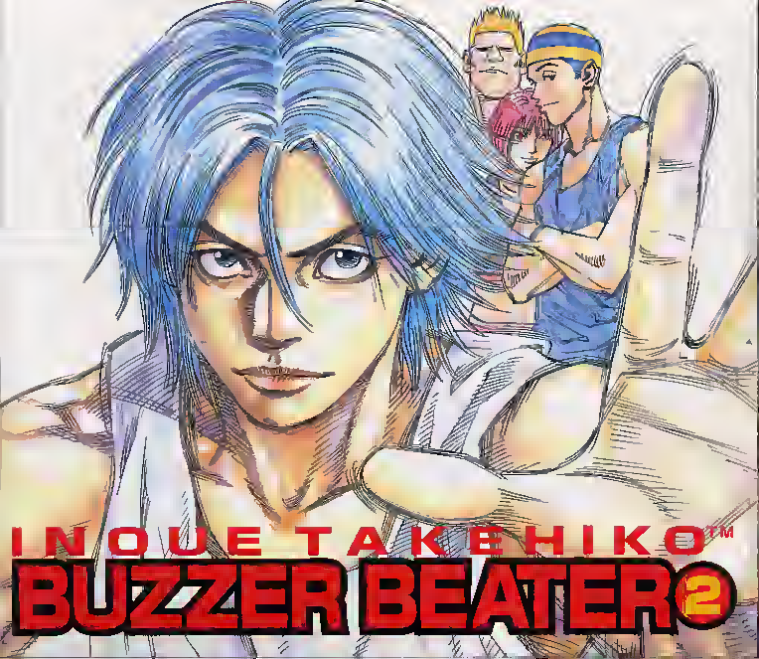
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BUZZER BEATER 2

BUZZERBEATER
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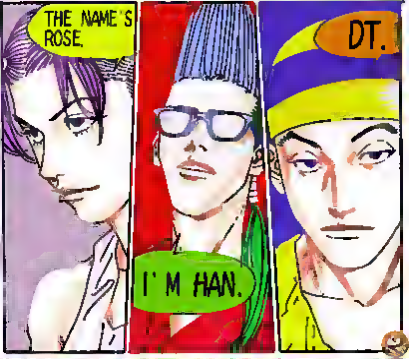
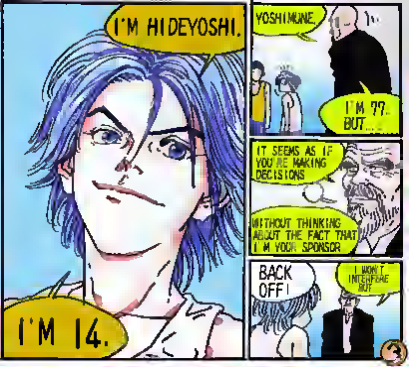
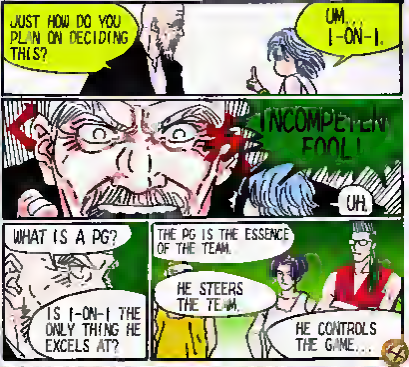
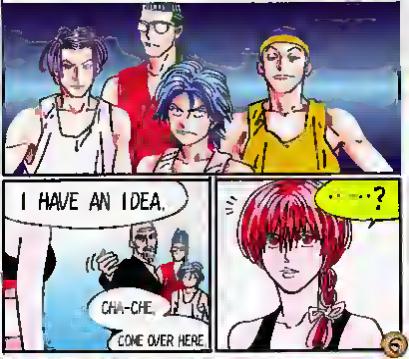
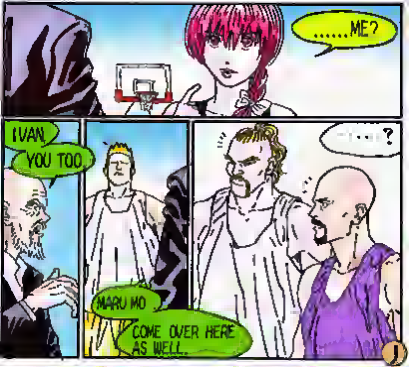

THE NAME'S ROSE.
I'M HAN.
DT.


I'M HIDEYOSHI.
I'M 14.
YOSHIMUNE.
I'M ??. BUT...
IT SEEMS AS IF YOU'RE MAKING DECISIONS
WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THE FACT THAT I'M YOUR SPONSOR
BACK OFF!
I WON'T UNDERSTAND BUT


JUST HOW DO YOU PLAN ON DECIDING THIS?
UM, I-ON-I.
INCOMPETENT FOOL!
UH.
WHAT IS A PG?
IS I-ON-I THE ONLY THING HE EXCELS AT?
THE PG IS THE ESSENCE OF THE TEAM.
HE STEERS THE TEAM.
HE CONTROLS THE GAME...

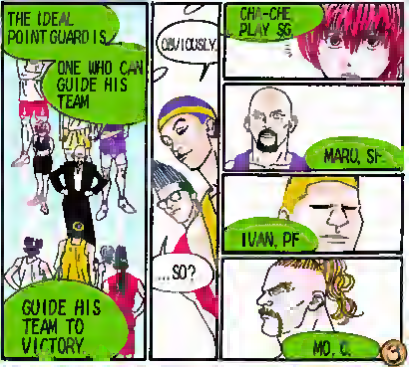
AT TIMES, HE MUST BEAT THE DEFENSE.
OTHER TIMES, HE TAKES THE OUTSIDE SHOT.
HE ALSO MARKS THE OPPOSING TEAM'S BEST PLAYER
SO THE QUESTION IS —
CAN YOU GUYS DO ALL THAT AGAINST THE PLAYERS IN THE UNIVERSAL LEAGUE?


I HAVE AN IDEA.
CHA-CHE.
COME OVER HERE.
...?

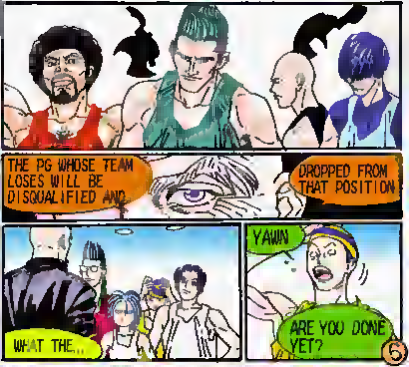

.....ME?
IVAN
YOU TOO
MARU MO
COME OVER HERE AS WELL..
.....?

BUZZERBEATER

INOUE TAKEHIKO #22


THE IDEAL POINT GUARD IS...
ONE WHO CAN GUIDE HIS TEAM
GUIDE HIS TEAM TO VICTORY
OBVIOUSLY.
...SO?
CHI-CHE PLAY SG
MARU, SF
IVAN, PF
MO, C

HOW EACH OF YOU LEADS THIS TEAM WILL BE
HOW IT WILL BE DETERMINED.
WHO DO WE PLAY?
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU STANDING THERE FOR?
YOU'LL PLAY AGAINST THE REST OF THE TEAM
PLAY HARD DON'T GO EASY.


THE PG WHOSE TEAM LOSES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND
DROPPED FROM THAT POSITION
WHAT THE...
YAWN
ARE YOU DONE YET?
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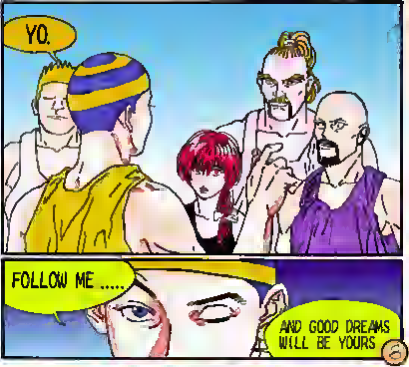
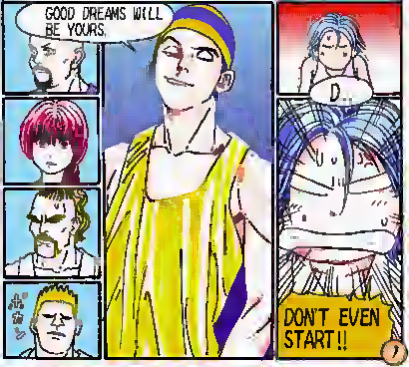

YO.
FOLLOW ME .....
AND GOOD DREAMS WILL BE YOURS


GOOD DREAMS WILL BE YOURS.
D...
DON'T EVEN START!!
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BUZZERBEATER

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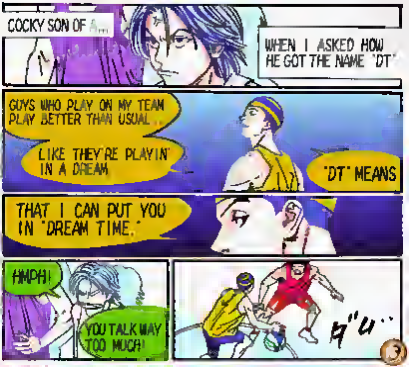
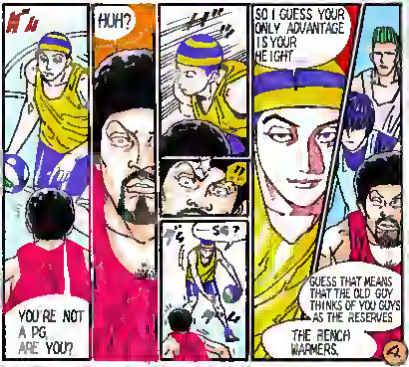

COCKY SON OF A...
WHEN I ASKED HOW HE GOT THE NAME "DT"
GUYS WHO PLAY ON MY TEAM PLAY BETTER THAN USUAL...
LIKE THEY'RE PLAYIN' IN A DREAM.
"DT" MEANS
THAT I CAN PUT YOU IN "DREAM TIME."
AHMPH!
YOU TALK WAY TOO MUCH!
Y"U..


YOU'RE NOT A PG. ARE YOU?
HUH?
SO I GUESS YOUR ONLY ADVANTAGE IS YOUR HEIGHT
I GUESS THAT MEANS THAT THE OLD GUY THINKS OF YOU GUYS AS THE RESERVES
THE BENCH WARMERS.
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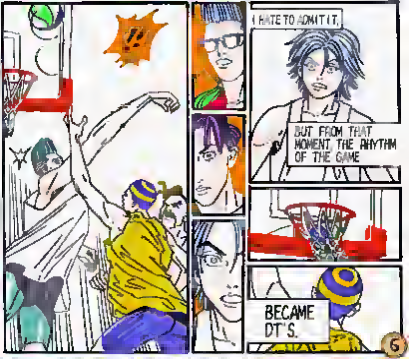
HE WON'T SHUT UP
WHAT?
!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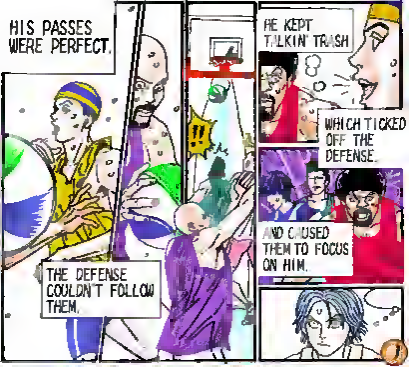
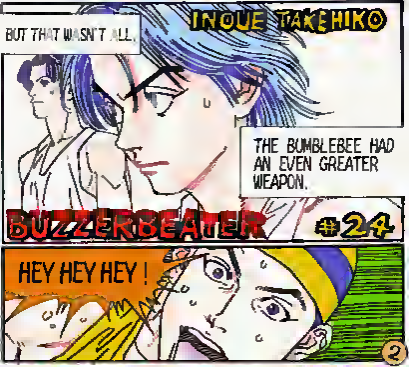
I HATE TO ADMIT IT,
BUT FROM THAT MOMENT, THE RHYTHM OF THE GAME
BECAME DT'S.


HIS PASSES WERE PERFECT.
THE DEFENSE COULDN'T FOLLOW THEM.
HE KEPT TALKIN' TRASH
WHICH TICKED OFF THE DEFENSE.
AND CAUSED THEM TO FOCUS ON HIM.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BUT THAT WASN'T ALL.
THE BUMBLEBEE HAD AN EVEN GREATER WEAPON.
BUZZERBEATER
#24
HEY HEY HEY !
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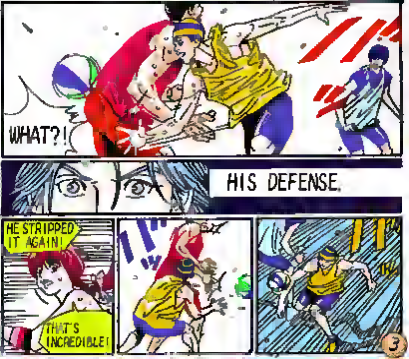
WHAT?!
HIS DEFENSE.
HE STRIPPED IT AGAIN!
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
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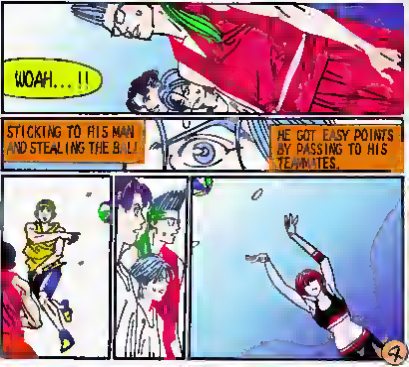
WOAH... !!
STICKING TO HIS MAN AND STEALING THE BALL!
HE GOT EASY POINTS BY PASSING TO HIS TEAMMATES.
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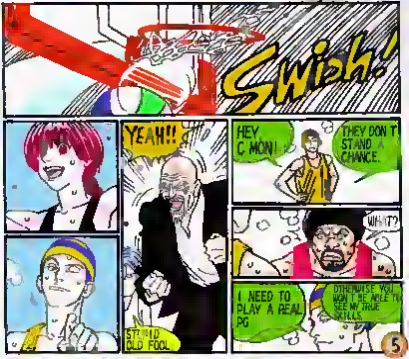
Swish!
YEAH!!
STUPID OLD FOOL
HEY C'MON!
THEY DON'T STAND A CHANCE.
WHAT?
I NEED TO PLAY A REAL PG
OTHERWISE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE MY TRUE SKILLS.
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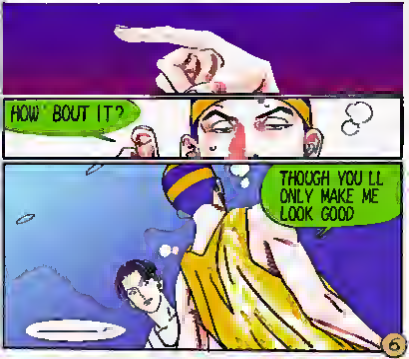
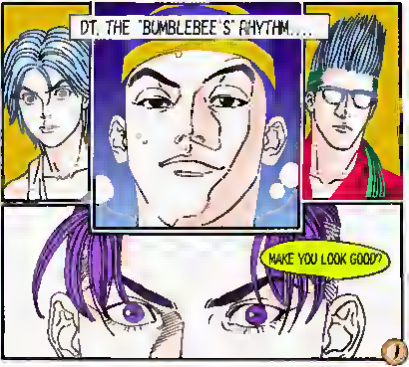

HOW' BOUT IT?
THOUGH YOU LL ONLY MAKE ME LOOK GOOD


DT, THE "BUMBLEBEE'S" RHYTHM....
MAKE YOU LOOK GOOD?

...STARTED WORKING ON US PGS.
I'VE HAD ENOUGH CRAP FROM YOU, OTH!
INOUE TAKEHIKO
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BUZZERBEATER
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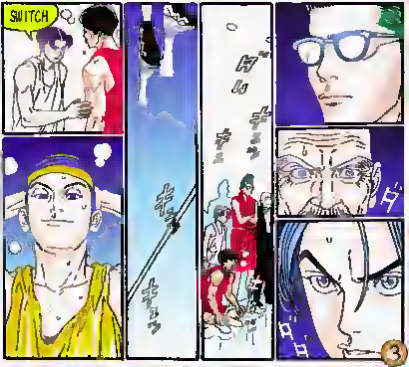
SWITCH
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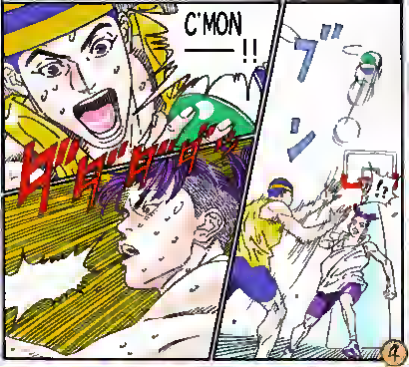
C'MON
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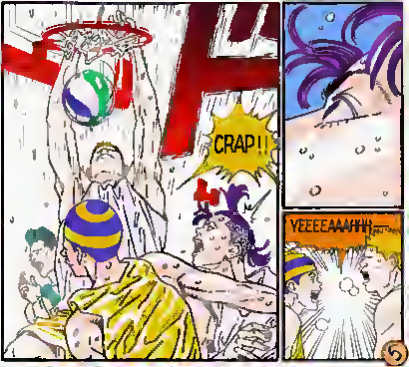
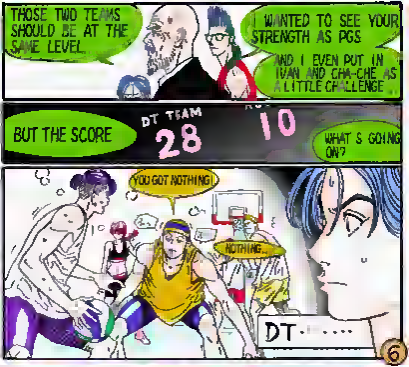

CRAP!!
YEEEEAAAHH!!


THOSE TWO TEAMS SHOULD BE AT THE SAME LEVEL..
I WANTED TO SEE YOUR STRENGTH AS PGS
AND I EVEN PUT IN IVAN AND CHA-CHE AS A LITTLE CHALLENGE
BUT THE SCORE
DT TEAM
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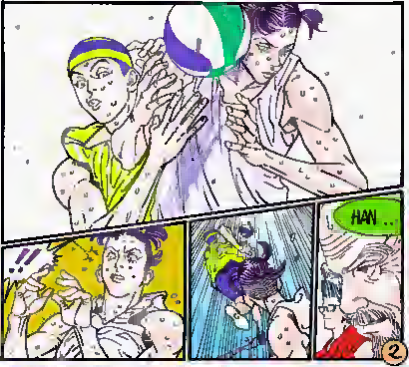
WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU GOT NOTHING!
NOTHING...
DT.....

BUZZER BEATER

INOUE TAKEHIKO #26


HAN...
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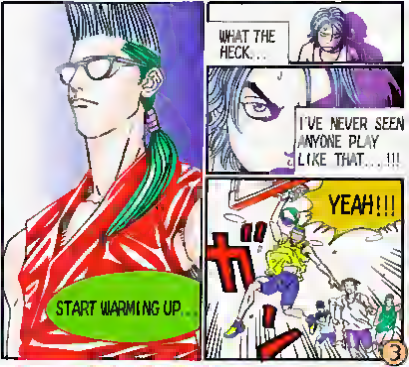
START WARMING UP...
WHAT THE HECK...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE PLAY LIKE THAT...!!!
YEAH!!!
ガ"ン
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BASTARD——!!
ROSE HAS BEEN CAUGHT UP IN DT'S RHYTHM FROM THE START.
HE HASN'T SHOWN EVEN HALF THE ABILITY THAT GOT HIM INTO THE TOP 12.
HIS IRRITATION HAS AFFECTED THE REST OF HIS TEAM...
JUST LOOK AT HOW THE OTHER FOUR ARE PLAYING!
HUH
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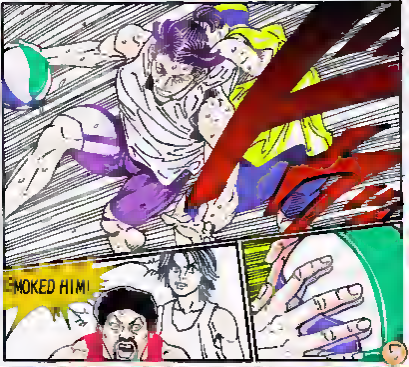
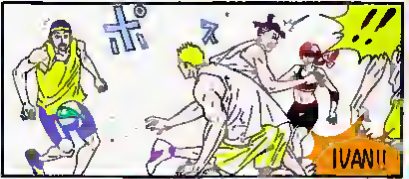

MOKED HIM!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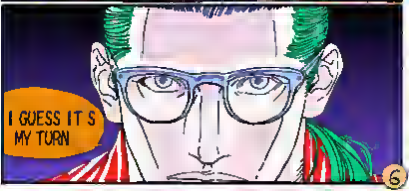
IVAN!!


I GUESS IT S MY TURN

INOUE TAKEHIKO

BLUE BEAT

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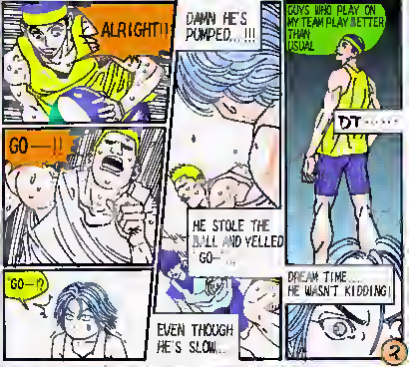
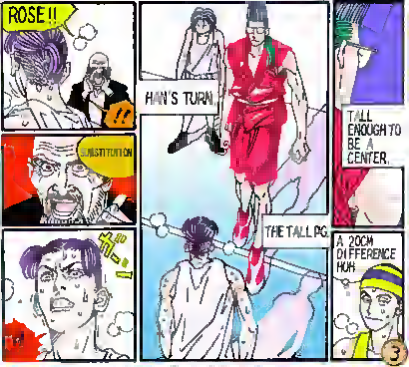

ALRIGHT!!
DAMN HE'S PUMPED...!!!
GUYS WHO PLAY ON MY TEAM PLAY BETTER THAN USUAL
DT
GO—!!
HE STOLE THE BALL AND YELLED GO—...
GO—!?
DREAM TIME... HE WASN'T KIDDING!!
EVEN THOUGH HE'S SLOW...


ROSE!!
!!
CONSTITUTION
HAN'S TURN
THE TALL PG
TALL ENOUGH TO BE A CENTER.
A 20CM DIFFERENCE HUH
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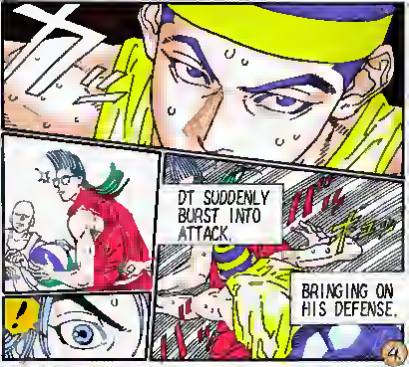
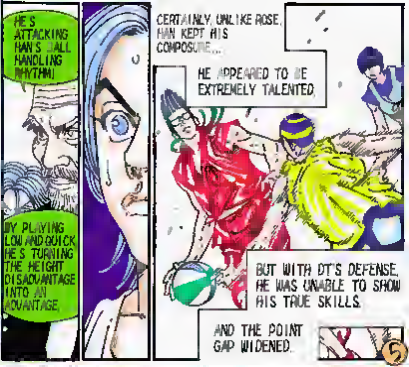
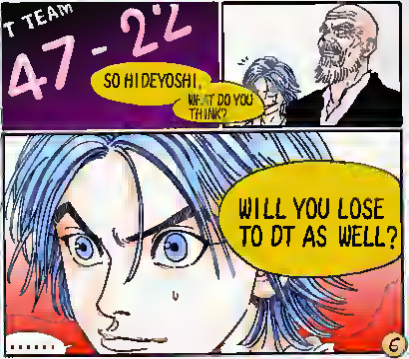

DT SUDDENLY BURST INTO ATTACK.
BRINGING ON HIS DEFENSE.


HE'S ATTACKING HAN'S BALL HANDLING RHYTHM!
BY PLAYING LOW AND QUICK, HE'S TURNING THE HEIGHT DISADVANTAGE INTO AN ADVANTAGE.
CERTAINLY, UNLIKE ROSE, HAN KEPT HIS COMPOSURE...
HE APPEARED TO BE EXTREMELY TALENTED.
BUT WITH DT'S DEFENSE, HE WAS UNABLE TO SHOW HIS TRUE SKILLS.
AND THE POINT GAP WIDENED.


T TEAM
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SO HIDEYOSHI, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
WILL YOU LOSE TO DT AS WELL?
.....
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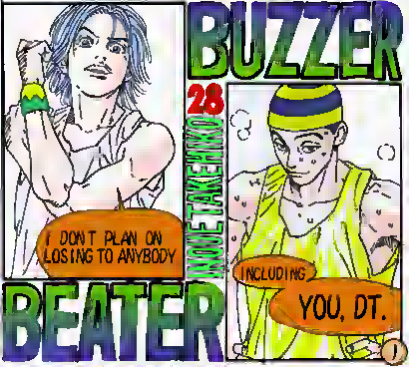
BUZZER
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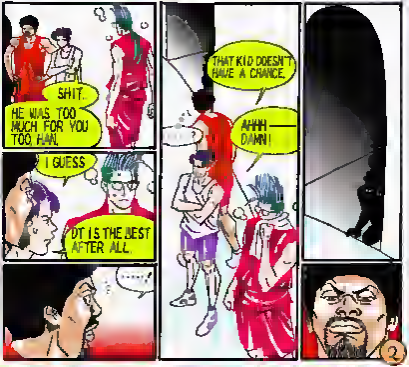
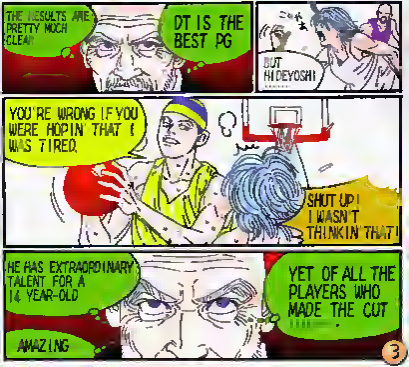
NOBUHIRO WATSUKI
I DON'T PLAN ON LOSING TO ANYBODY
INCLUDING
YOU, DT.
BEATER


SHIT.
HE WAS TOO MUCH FOR YOU TOO, HUH.
I GUESS
DT IS THE BEST AFTER ALL.
.....
THAT KID DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE.
AHHH DAMN!
2


THE RESULTS ARE PRETTY MUCH CLEAR
DT IS THE BEST PG
BUT HIDEYOSHI
YOU'RE WRONG IF YOU WERE HOPIN THAT I WAS TIRED.
SHUT UP! I WASN'T THINKIN THAT!
HE HAS EXTRAORDINARY TALENT FOR A 14 YEAR-OLD
YET OF ALL THE PLAYERS WHO MADE THE CUT
AMAZING
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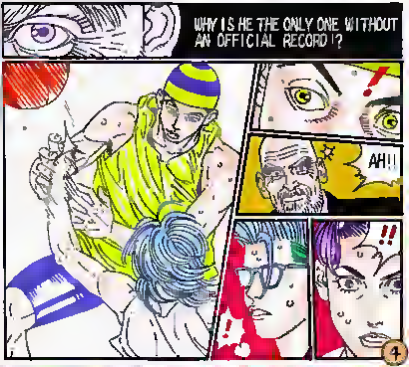
WHY IS HE THE ONLY ONE WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL RECORD!?
AH!!
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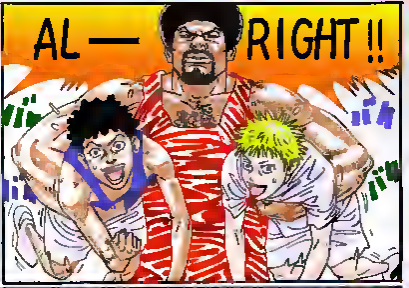
AL—
RIGHT!!

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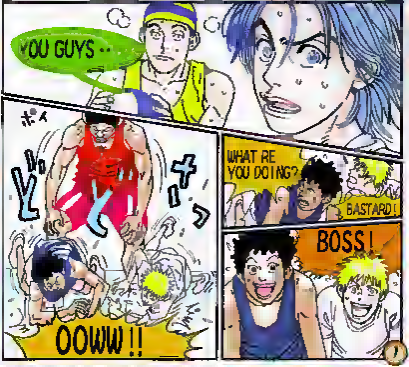
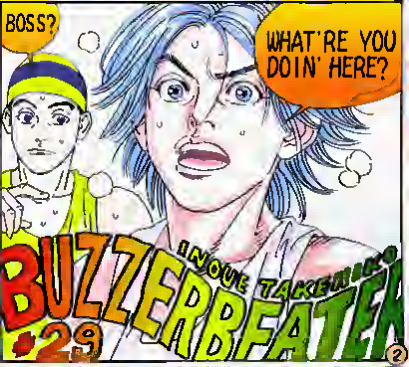

YOU GUYS...
WHAT RE YOU DOING?
BASTARD!
BOSS!
OOWW!!


BOSS?
WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?
INOUE TAKEHIKO
BUZZERBEATER
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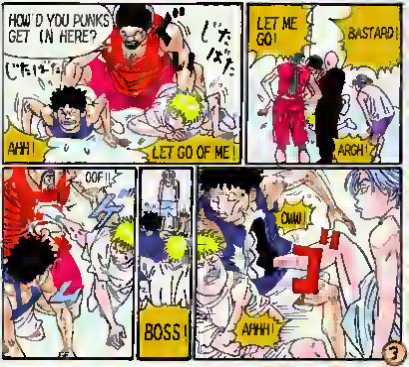
HOW'D YOU PUNKS GET IN HERE?
AHH!
LET GO OF ME!
LET ME GO!
BASTARD!
ARGH!
OOF!!
BOSS!
OWW!
AHHH!
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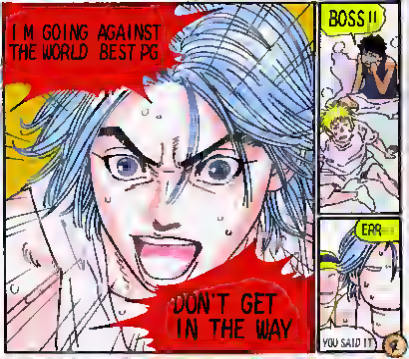
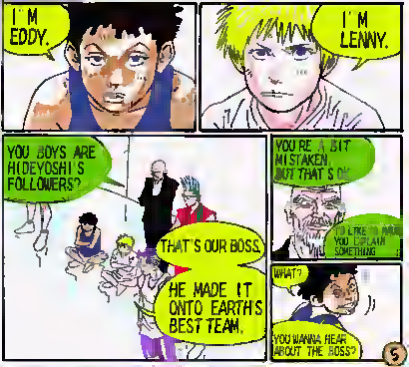

I M GOING AGAINST THE WORLD BEST PG
DON'T GET IN THE WAY
BOSS !!
ERR
YOU SAID IT !


I'M EDDY.
I'M LENNY.
YOU BOYS ARE HIDEYOSHI'S FOLLOWERS?
THAT'S OUR BOSS.
HE MADE IT ONTO EARTH'S BEST TEAM.
YOU'RE A BIT MISTAKEN, BUT THAT'S OK!
I'D LIKE TO MAKE YOU EXPLAIN SOMETHING
WHAT?
YOU WANNA HEAR ABOUT THE BOSS?
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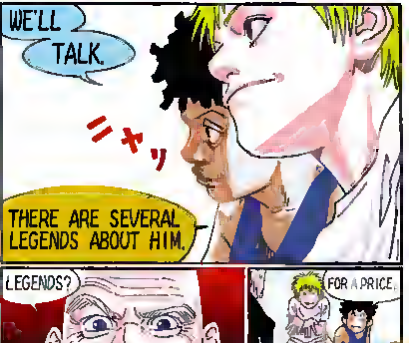
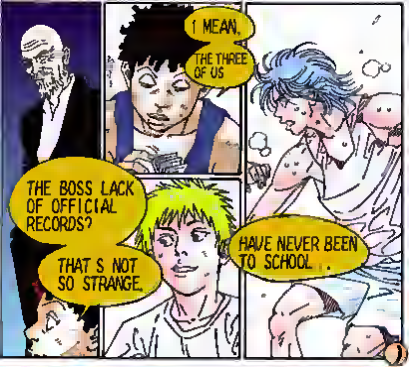
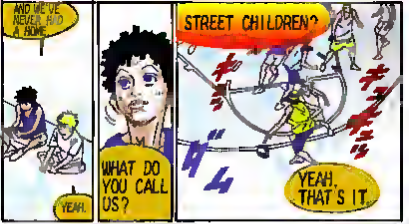
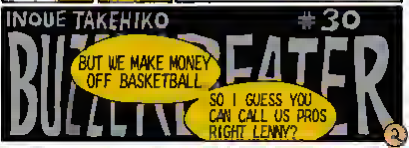
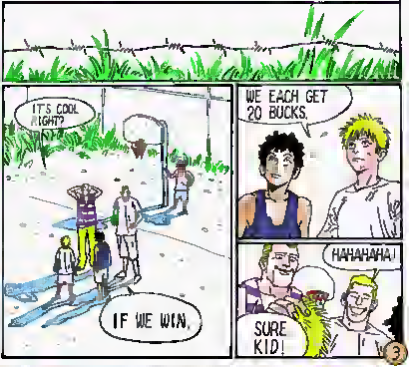

WE'LL TALK.
ニヤリ
THERE ARE SEVERAL LEGENDS ABOUT HIM.
LEGENDS?
FOR A PRICE.


I MEAN,
THE THREE OF US
HAVE NEVER BEEN TO SCHOOL .
THE BOSS LACK OF OFFICIAL RECORDS?
THAT S NOT SO STRANGE.


AND WE'VE NEVER HAD A HOME
YEAH.
WHAT DO YOU CALL US?
STREET CHILDREN?
YEAH. THAT'S IT.


INOUE TAKEHIKO
#30
BUZZER BEATER
BUT WE MAKE MONEY OFF BASKETBALL
SO I GUESS YOU CAN CALL US PROS RIGHT LENNY?


IT'S COOL RIGHT?
IF WE WIN,
WE EACH GET 20 BUCKS.
HAHAHAHA!
SURE KID!
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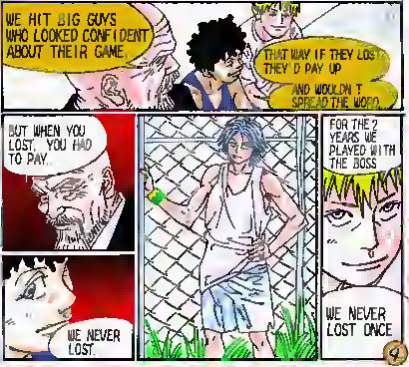
WE HIT BIG GUYS WHO LOOKED CONFIDENT ABOUT THEIR GAME.
THAT WAY IF THEY LOST THEY'D PAY UP
AND WOULDN'T SPREAD THE WORD.
BUT WHEN YOU LOST, YOU HAD TO PAY.
WE NEVER LOST.
FOR THE 2 YEARS WE PLAYED WITH THE BOSS
WE NEVER LOST ONCE
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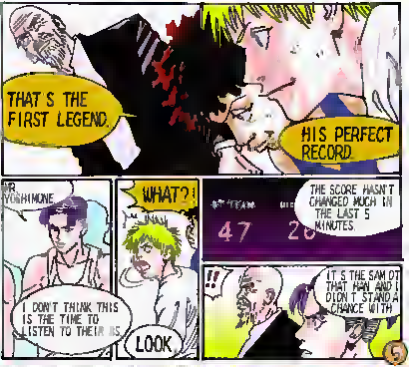
THAT'S THE FIRST LEGEND.
HIS PERFECT RECORD.
YOSHIMUNE.
I DON'T THINK THIS IS THE TIME TO LISTEN TO THEIR AS
WHAT?!
LOOK
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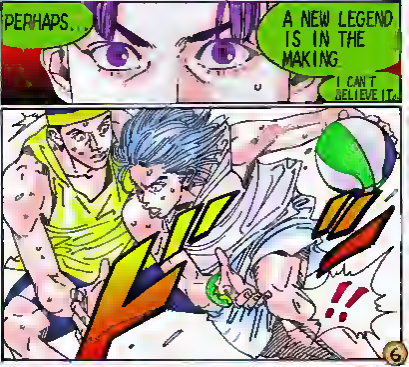
THE SCORE HASN'T CHANGED MUCH IN THE LAST 5 MINUTES.
!!
IT'S THE SAME OL' THAT MAN AND I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE WITH


PERHAPS...
A NEW LEGEND IS IN THE MAKING.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
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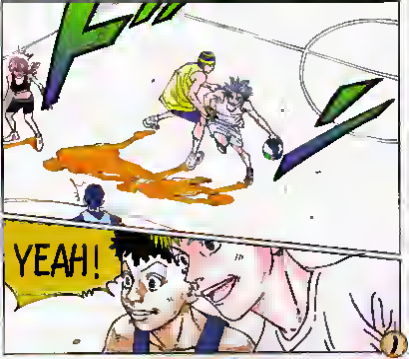
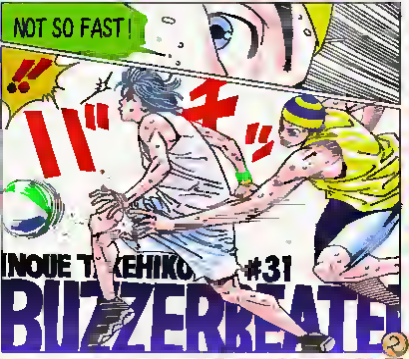
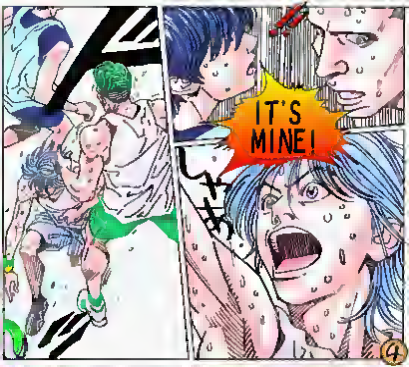
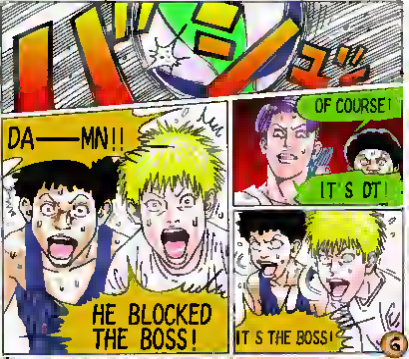

YEAH!

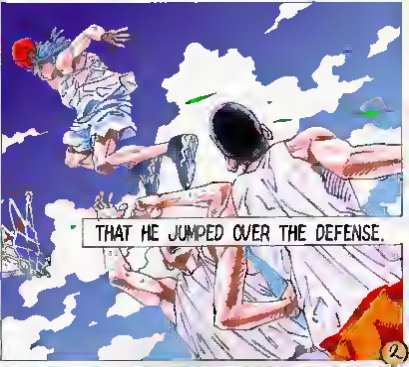

NOT SO FAST!
!!
INOUE T KEHIKO #31
BUZZERBEATER

AHH!!
BASTARD!
!


IT'S MINE!

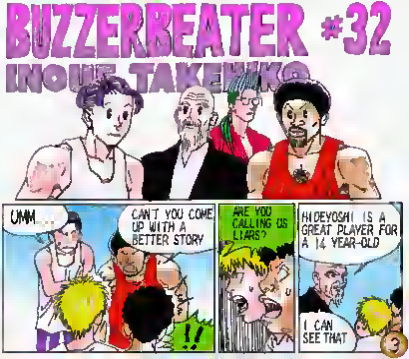

DA——MN!!
HE BLOCKED THE BOSS!
OF COURSE!
IT'S DT!
IT'S THE BOSS!

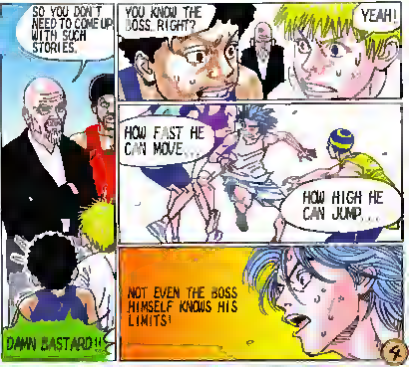
DO YOU KNOW WHO DT IS !?
OF COURSE! HE'S THE WORLD BEST PO. RIGHT?
THAT'S WHY HE CAN'T WIN.
YOU'RE BOSS. THAT'S.
HMPH. YOU DON'T KNOW THE BOSS.
OH?
I'LL TELL YOU THE GREATEST LEGEND ABOUT THE BOSS.
ALTHOUGH I WASN'T GOING TO.
REMEMBER THIS IS A LEGEND.
WE DION'T SEE IT.
THEY SAY THAT THE BOSS


THAT HE JUMPED OVER THE DEFENSE.

BUZZERBEATER #32

INOUE TAKEHIKO




SO YOU DON'T NEED TO COME UP WITH SUCH STORIES.
DAMN BASTARD!!
YOU KNOW THE BOSS RIGHT?
YEAH!
HOW FAST HE CAN MOVE...
HOW HIGH HE CAN JUMP...
NOT EVEN THE BOSS HIMSELF KNOWS HIS LIMITS!
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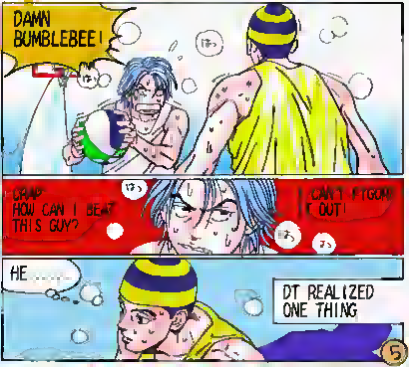
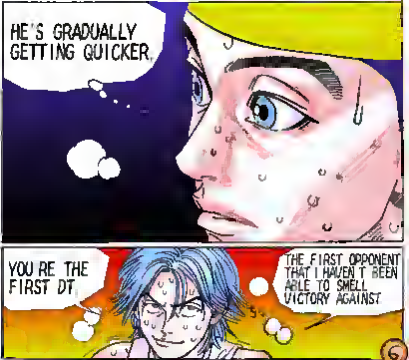
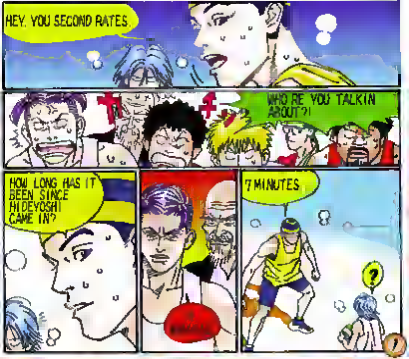
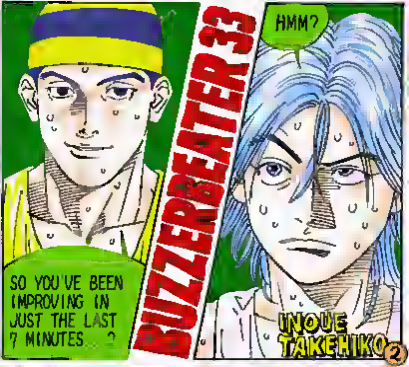

DAMN BUMBLEBEE!
CRAP HOW CAN I BEAT THIS GUY?
I CAN'T F*GOM IT OUT!
HE.....
DT REALIZED ONE THING
5


HE'S GRADUALLY GETTING QUICKER.
YOU'RE THE FIRST DT.
THE FIRST OPPONENT THAT I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SMELL VICTORY AGAINST.


HEY, YOU SECOND RATES.
WHO RE YOU TALKIN ABOUT?!
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE HIDEYOSHI CAME IN?
7 MINUTES.


BUZZER BEATER 33
SO YOU'VE BEEN IMPROVING IN JUST THE LAST 7 MINUTES...?
HMM?
INOUE TAKEHIKO
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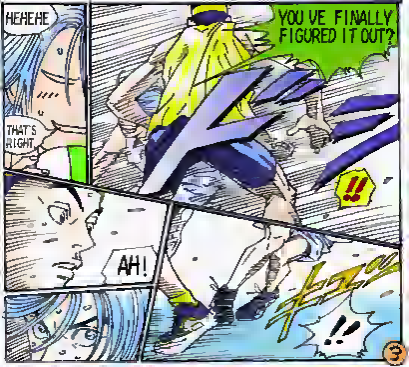
HEHEHE
THAT'S RIGHT
YOU'VE FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT?
!!
AH!
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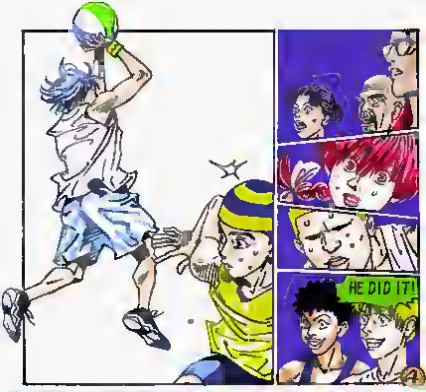
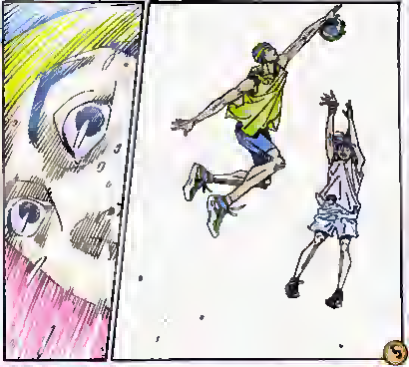
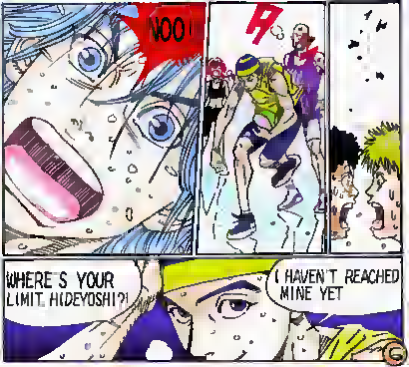
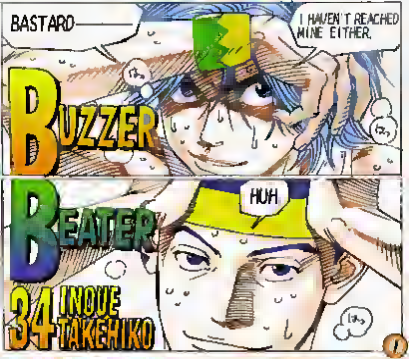

HE DID IT!




NOO!
WHERE'S YOUR LIMIT, HIDEYOSHI?!
I HAVEN'T REACHED MINE YET


BASTARD——
I HAVEN'T REACHED MINE EITHER.
BUZZER
BEATER
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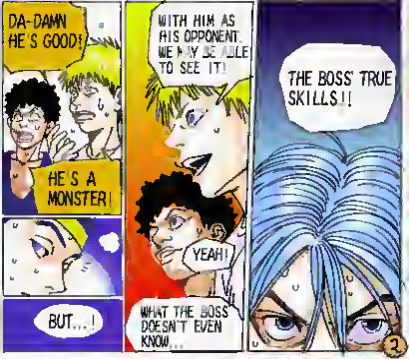
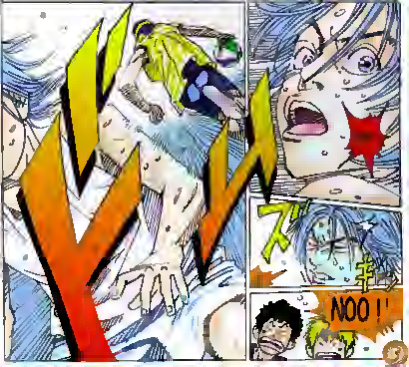
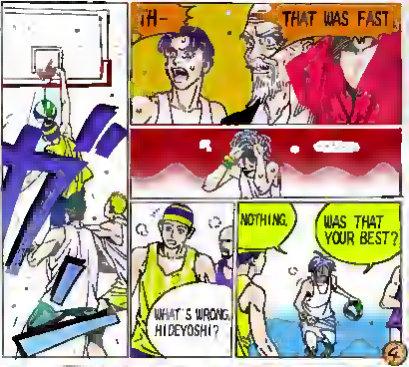
INOUE TAKEHIKO
HUH


DA-DAMN HE'S GOOD!
HE'S A MONSTER!
BUT...!
WITH HIM AS HIS OPPONENT, WE MAY BE ABLE TO SEE IT!
YEAH!
WHAT THE BOSS DOESN'T EVEN KNOW...
THE BOSS' TRUE SKILLS!!
2

NOO!


NOO!

TH-
THAT WAS FAST.
WHAT'S WRONG, HIDEYOSHI?
NOTHING.
WAS THAT YOUR BEST?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NOTHING.
WAS THAT YOUR BEST?
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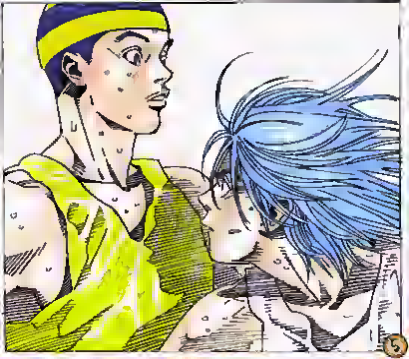

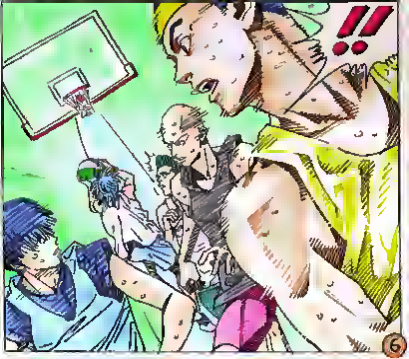

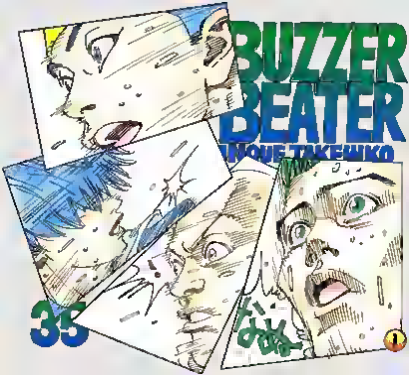
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INOUE TAKEHIKO
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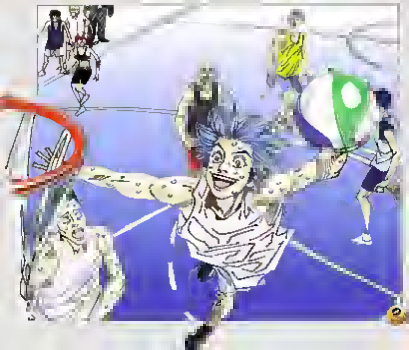

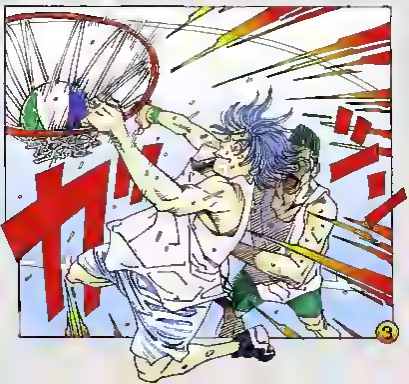
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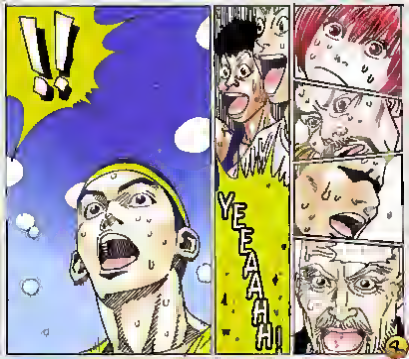
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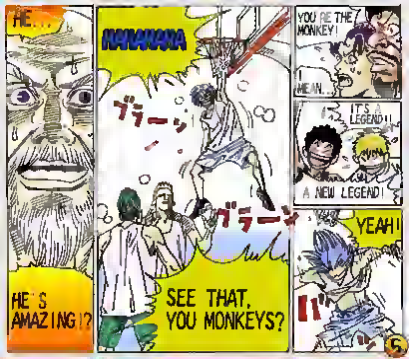
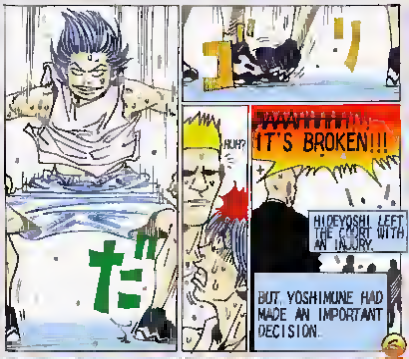
YEEAAHH!


HE...
HE'S AMAZING!?
HAHAHAHA
ブラーン
ブラーン
SEE THAT, YOU MONKEYS?
YOU ARE THE MONKEY!
I MEAN...
IT'S LEGEND!!
A NEW LEGEND!
YEAH!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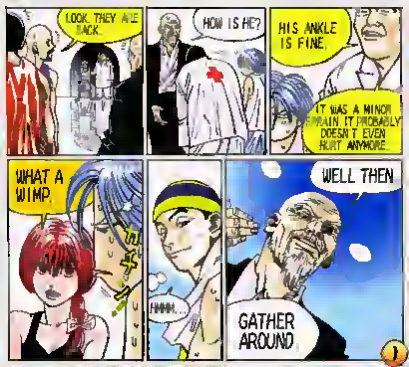
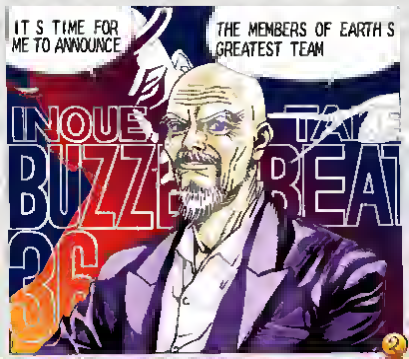
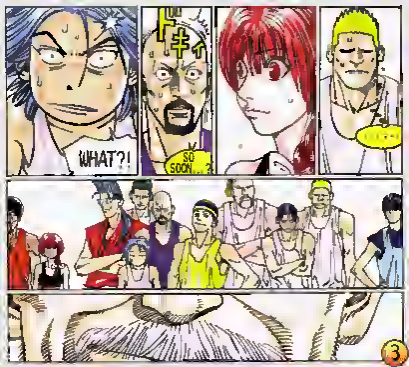
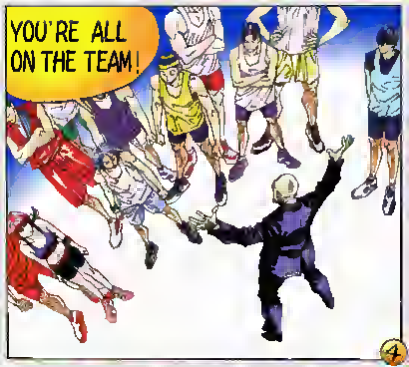
HUH?
AAAHHH!!!
IT'S BROKEN!!!
HIDEYOSHI LEFT THE FIGHT WITH AN INJURY.
BUT, YOSHIMUNE HAD MADE AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

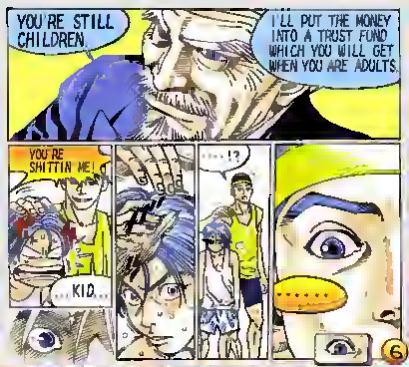

LOOK, THEY ARE BACK.
HOW IS HE?
HIS ANKLE IS FINE.
IT WAS A MINOR SPRAIN. IT PROBABLY DOESN'T EVEN HURT ANYMORE.
WHAT A WIMP.
HMMM...
WELL THEN
GATHER AROUND.


IT S TIME FOR ME TO ANNOUNCE
THE MEMBERS OF EARTH S GREATEST TEAM
INOUE,
BUZZ
BEA
3F


WHAT?!
SO SOON...?


YOU'RE ALL ON THE TEAM!

YEAH!
WE'LL ALWAYS FOLLOW YOU!!
BOSS!!
HOWEVER
HIDEYOSHI, IVAN AND CHA-CHE WILL NOT RECEIVE THE MONEY
WHAT?!
100 MILLION
THANK GOODNESS
5


YOU'RE STILL CHILDREN
I'LL PUT THE MONEY INTO A TRUST FUND WHICH YOU WILL GET WHEN YOU ARE ADULTS.
YOU'RE SHITTIN' ME!
...KID...
...!?
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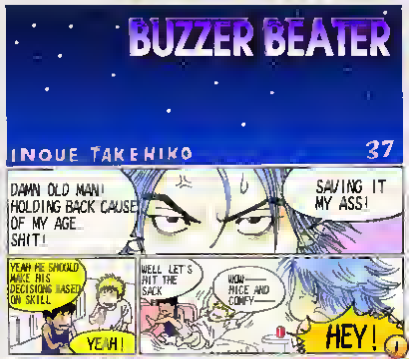
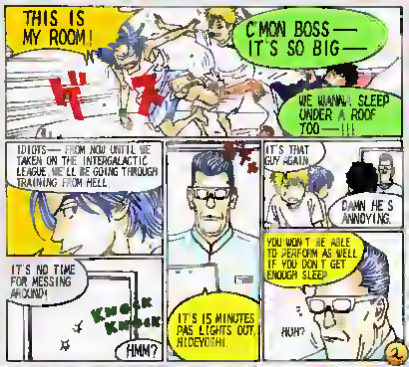
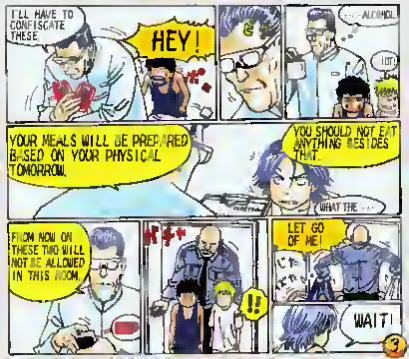
BUZZER BEATER

INOUE TAKEHIKO


DAMN OLD MAN! HOLDING BACK CAUSE OF MY AGE... SHIT!
SAVING IT MY ASS!
YEAH HE SHOULD MAKE HIS DECISIONS BASED ON SKILL
YEAH!
WELL LET'S HIT THE SACK
WOW— NICE AND COMFY—
HEY!


THIS IS MY ROOM!
C'MON BOSS— IT'S SO BIG—
WE WANNA SLEEP UNDER A ROOF TOO—!!!
IDIOTS— FROM NOW UNTIL WE TAKEN ON THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE, WE'LL BE GOING THROUGH TRAINING FROM HELL
IT'S THAT GUY AGAIN
DAMN HE'S ANNOYING
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PERFORM AS WELL IF YOU DON'T GET ENOUGH SLEEP
IT'S NO TIME FOR MESSING AROUND!
Knock Knock
HMM?
IT'S 15 MINUTES PAS LIGHTS OUT, HIDEYOSHI.
HUH?


I'LL HAVE TO CONFISCATE THESE.
HEY!
ALCOHOL!
HOT
YOUR MEALS WILL BE PREPARED BASED ON YOUR PHYSICAL TOMORROW.
YOU SHOULD NOT EAT ANYTHING BESIDES THAT.
WHAT THE...
FROM NOW ON THESE TWO WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THIS ROOM.
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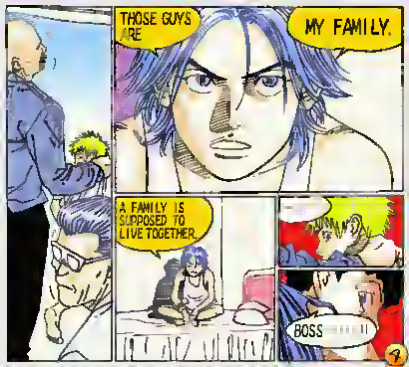
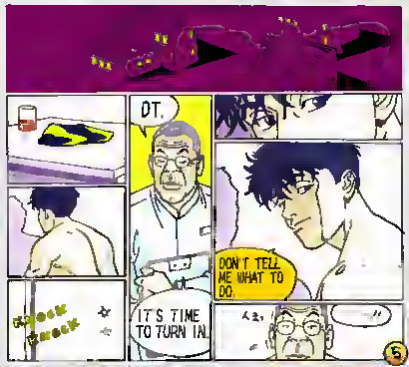
LET GO OF ME!
WAIT!


THOSE GUYS ARE
MY FAMILY.
A FAMILY IS SUPPOSED TO LIVE TOGETHER.
BOSS


DT.
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO.
IT'S TIME TO TURN IN.
CHECK
CHECK
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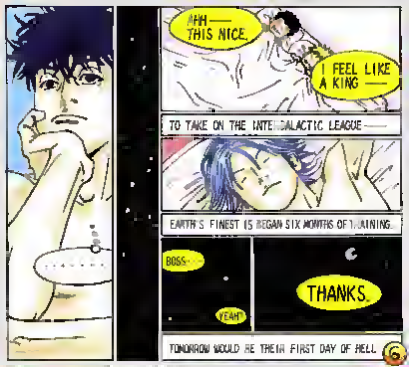
AHH—— THIS NICE.
I FEEL LIKE A KING ——
TO TAKE ON THE INTE GALACTIC LEAGUE——
EARTH'S FINEST IS BEGAN SIX MONTHS OF T AINING.
BOSS—
YEAH!
THANKS.
TOMORROW WOULD BE THEIR FIRST DAY OF HELL.
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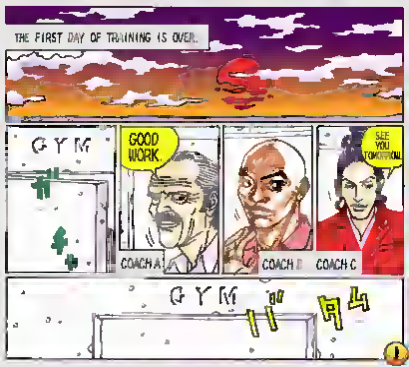
THE FIRST DAY OF TRAINING IS OVER.
GYM
GOOD WORK.
COACH A
COACH B
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
COACH C
GYM
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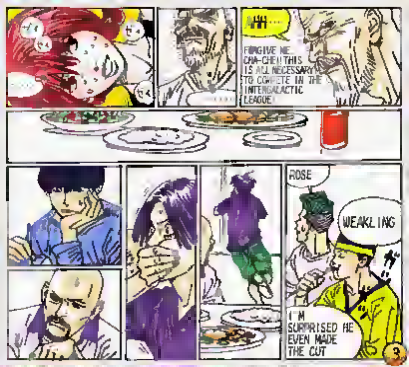
PAIN.....


AH...
FORGIVE ME, CHA-CHI! THIS IS ALL NECESSARY AS TO COMPETE IN THE INTERGALACTIC LEAGUE!
ROSE
WEAKLING
I'M SURPRISED HE EVEN MADE THE CUT
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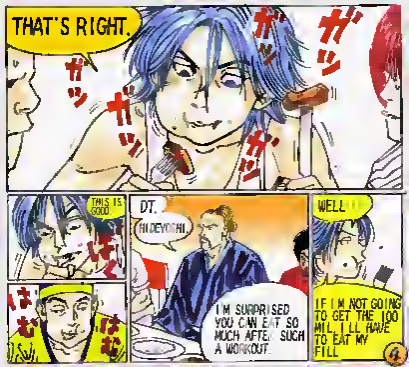
THAT'S RIGHT.
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THIS IS GOOD
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DT.
(HIDEMICHI)
I'M SURPRISED YOU CAN EAT SO MUCH AFTER SUCH A WORKOUT.
WELL !!
IF I'M NOT GOING TO GET THE 100 MIL, I'LL HAVE TO EAT MY FILL
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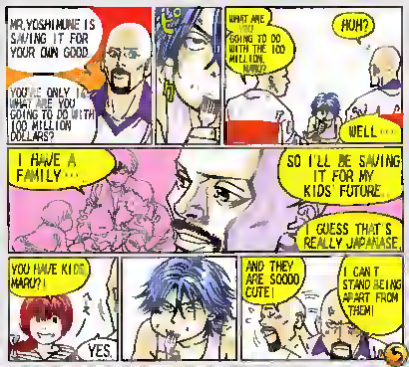
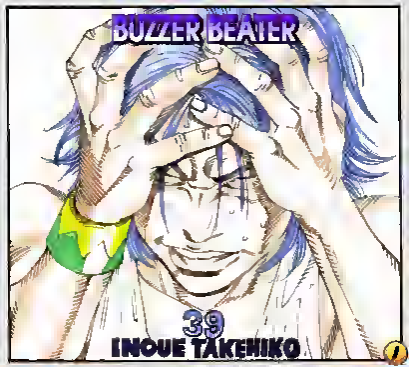

MR. YOSHIMUNE IS SAVING IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.
YOU'RE ONLY 14. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH 100 MILLION DOLLARS?
100 MILLION DOLLARS?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE 100 MILLION, MARU?
HUH?
WELL...
I HAVE A FAMILY...
SO I'LL BE SAVING IT FOR MY KIDS' FUTURE.
GUESS THAT'S REALLY JAPANESE.
YOU HAVE KIDS MARU?!
YES.
AND THEY ARE SOOOO CUTE!
I CAN'T STAND BEING APART FROM THEM!

CHA-CHE.
YEAH...
THANK YOU, HIDEYOSHI!
YOU SHOULD ASK THE OLD MAN
BUT HE SHOULD NOT MAKE AN EXCEPTION JUST FOR ME.
MARU.
I DO HAVE A USE FOR THE 100 MIL.
SCUSE ME
WHAT'S WRONG?
I'M GONNA GO PRACTICE SHOOTING.
HI DEYOSHI


BUZZER BEATER
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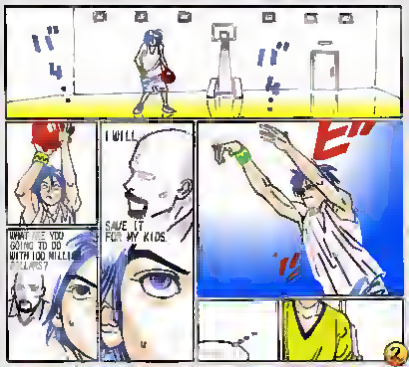
INOUE TAKEHIKO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I WILL SAVE FOR MY KIDS.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH 100 MILLION DOLLARS?
11"
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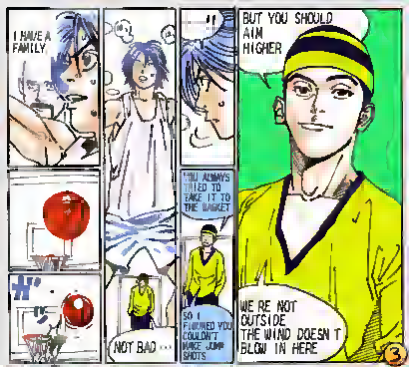
I HAVE A FAMILY
"I"
"I'LL ALWAYS TRIED TO FACE IT TO THE BASKET
BUT YOU SHOULD AIM HIGHER
SO I FIGURED YOU COULDN'T MAKE LONG SHOTS
NOT BAD...
WE'RE NOT OUTSIDE THE WIND DOESN'T BLOW IN HERE
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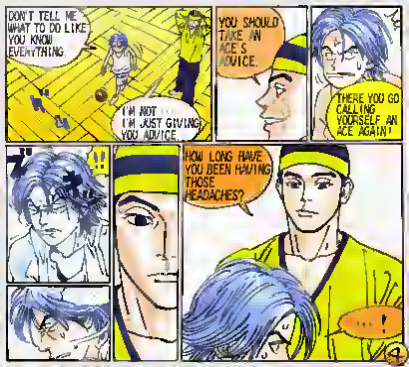
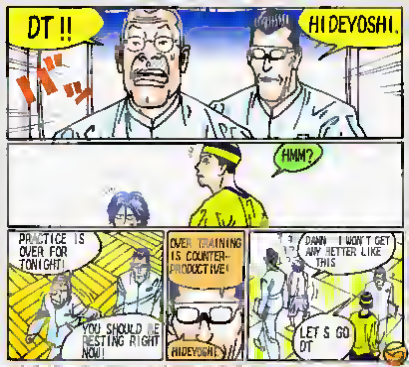
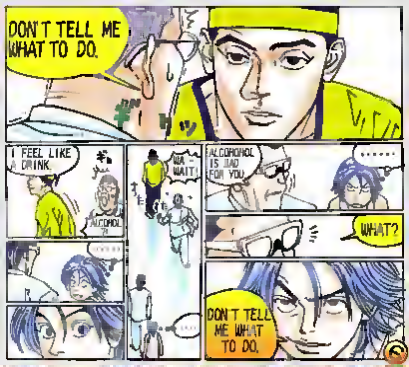

DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO LIKE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING
I'M NOT. I'M JUST GIVING YOU ADVICE.
YOU SHOULD TAKE AN ACE'S ADVICE.
THERE YOU GO CALLING YOURSELF AN ACE AGAIN?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HAVING THOSE HEADACHES?


DT !!
HIDEYOSHI.
HMM?
PRACTICE IS OVER FOR TONIGHT!
YOU SHOULD BE RESTING RIGHT NOW!
OVER TRAINING IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE!
HIDEYOSHI
DAMN I WON'T GET ANY BETTER LIKE THIS
LET'S GO DT


DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO.
I FEEL LIKE A DRINK.
ALCOHOL
HEY WAIT!
ALCOHOL IS BAD FOR YOU.
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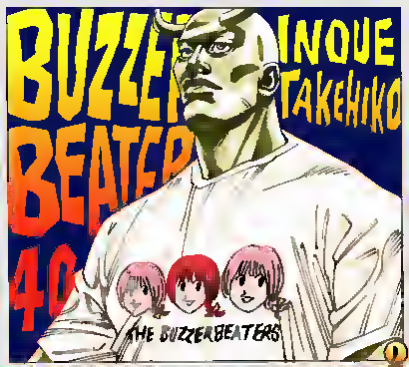
WHAT?
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO.


BUZZER
BEATER
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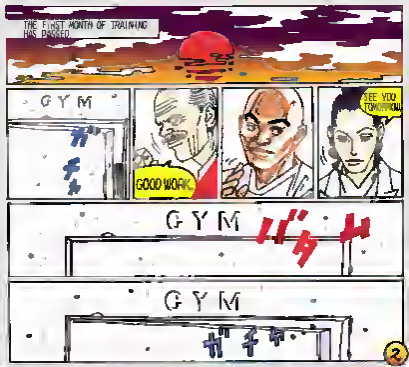
INOUE
TAKEHIKO
THE BUZZERBEATERS


THE FIRST MONTH OF TRAINING HAS PASSED
GYM
GOOD WORK.
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
GYM
GYM
2

FOOOOD!!
THEY'VE COME THIS FAR IN ONLY ONE MONTH.
THEY REALLY ARE EARTH'S FINEST.
OH YEAH.
THAT HIT THE SPOT.
HEHEHEHEHEHE.
HEY CHA-CHI.
WHAT?
LET'S SEE WHO'S TALLER!
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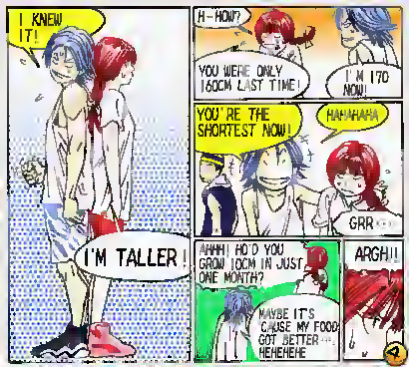
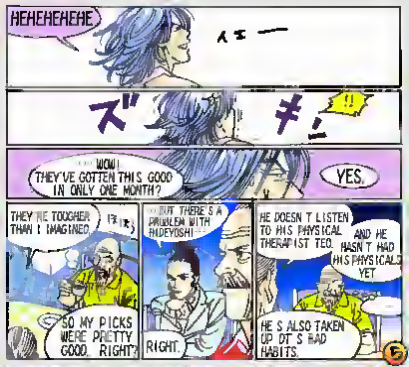

I KNEW IT!
I'M TALLER!
H-HOW?
YOU WERE ONLY 160CM LAST TIME!
I'M 170 NOW!
YOU'RE THE SHORTEST NOW!
HAHAHAHA
GRR...
AHHH! HOW DO YOU GROW 10CM IN JUST ONE MONTH?
MAYBE IT'S CAUSE MY FOOD GOT BETTER... HEHEHEHE
ARGH!!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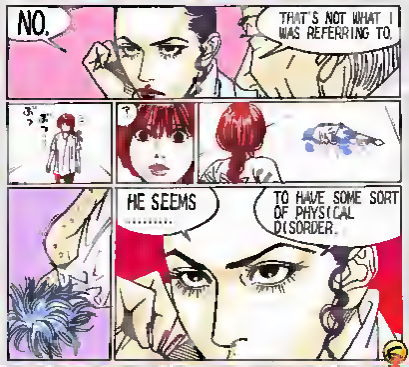
WOW!
THEY'VE GOTTEN THIS GOOD IN ONLY ONE MONTH?
YES.
THEY'RE TOUGHER THAN I IMAGINED.
SO MY PICKS WERE PRETTY GOOD, RIGHT?
BUT THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH HIDEYOSHI.
RIGHT.
HE DOESN'T LISTEN TO HIS PHYSICAL THERAPIST TEO.
AND HE HASN'T HAD HIS PHYSICAL YET.
HE'S ALSO TAKEN UP DT'S BAD HABITS.


NO.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS REFERRING TO.
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HE SEEMS .....
TO HAVE SOME SORT OF PHYSICAL DISORDER.